



🎵Prelude

🎵**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, we worship together on this Sunday Morning.

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:



† 神哪我要讚美祢

O God! I want to Praise You

♪ Heaven is yours as well the earth,
God, I will praise you
The world is yours and you created it. God,
I want to praise you
The north and south belong to you, God,
I want to praise you
Righteousness and mercy is yours, God,
I will praise you. Ha---Hallelujah*4

† 耶和華我的磐石

Jehovah You are My Rock

♪ Jehovah you are my rock
You're worthy to be praised
You have trained my hands for battle
You have trained my fingers for war
♪ Jehovah you are my rock
You're worthy to be praised
You have granted me Your wisdom
So my heart will not be moved
♪ So I will sing to You a new song
Praise Your holy name
You alone are my shelter
You are my strength
♪ So I will play the harp and dance for joy
To praise Your name
You alone are my fortress
You alone are my hope and my rock

† 我的力量我的山寨

My Strength, My Fortress

♪ [Jehovah my Lord, my strength (I love You)x2] *2
♪ You are my rock, oh Lord. And my fortress
You are the rock for me. And are my shield
♪ Jehovah my Lord, my strength (I love You)x2

🎵Responsive Reading: Psalm 67:1-7

- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—
- 2 so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
- 3 May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
- 4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.
- 5 “May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.
- 7 May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

🎵Praise

† 祢真偉大 **How Great Thou Art**

- ♪ O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
- ♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) *2
- ♪ When through the woods,
and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
- ♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) *2
- ♪ And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
- ♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) *2
- ♪ When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
- ♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) *2

🎵Special Music

† 若我子民禱告 **If My People Pray**

- ♪ [If My people, the people who are called by My name,
(Will humble themselves)*2, and pray.]
If My people, the people who are called by My name,
Will seek My face and turn from their wicked ways.
- ♪ I will hear from heaven, *2
I will hear them, And I will forgive their sins. []
I will forgive them, *2 I will forgive their sins
And heal their land.
- ♪ If My people, the people who are called by My name,
Will humble themselves,*3 and pray.

🔥Scripture Reading: Daniel 9:1-4

1 In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes, a Mede by descent, who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom—

2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

3 So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: “Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments.”

🔥Sermon:

Prayers That Shake Heaven and Earth (1) ~ Pastor Dong

Everyone has needs. Not only physical and outward needs, but also needs in our **souls, hearts, and relationships**.

God has given His people the privilege of **calling out to Him in prayer**.

Daniel is a classic example of a powerful prayer life. He was a spiritually mature man, and his prayer life is one of the greatest examples in the Bible.

In Daniel chapter 9, we finally get a glimpse into the heart of this man who **prayed throughout his whole life and lived a life of prayer**.

So, what is the heart of Daniel’s prayer? And what did this prayer bring about?

The key is this:

I. **First: Extreme Humility** (Daniel 9:1-4a)

The combination of **fasting, sackcloth, and ashes** is a classic picture in Hebrew literature of **deep humility and repentance**.

Daniel says that he “turned” his face toward the Lord.

It means that he made up his mind to focus completely on God. He was saying, “**Lord, I turn my face toward You.**”

To plead means to cry out for mercy based on the other person’s grace.

Daniel knew that he himself was a sinner. And he knew that his people had committed great sins.
(Daniel 9:20, 5-7)

Daniel 9:20, 5-7 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill—

5-7 we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.

6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

7 “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you.

Why did the Israelites sin so greatly and rebel against God? Why did they stubbornly refuse to listen to God?

(Daniel 9:13) gives us a very profound answer:
They would not turn to God or seek Him.

Daniel 9:13 Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth.

So, is there a way out? Is there a way to live?

The key is this: Truly confess our sins, repent, humble ourselves, and cry out to God for mercy.

(Daniel 9:3-5, 14-15)

Daniel 9:3-5, 14-15 So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: “Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments.”

5 we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.

14-15 The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster on us, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.

15 “Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong.

We have no good works to boast about. We have no right to demand anything from God. The only way to receive God’s salvation is to **cry out for His mercy**.

So, the first key to Daniel’s prayer is: **True repentance + humble dependence on God’s mercy**.

II. Focus on God's People and God's Glory (Daniel 9:19)

Daniel 9:19 Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

Daniel's heart was set on **God's kingdom**. His heart was also deeply concerned about **God's people**.

His whole life was about seeking to please God.

That is why Daniel was willing to be thrown into the lions' den because of his prayer life. He was even willing to lose his life because of his faith.

He was already an old man. He was extremely busy. He was surrounded by intense political struggles and was facing death. Even the king could not save him. Yet Daniel still kept his eyes on God. He still cared about God's kingdom. And he still prayed like this.

Every one of us has our own burdens, difficulties, worries, desires, and dreams. But as God's children, the thing we should care about most is: **God and God's people**.

This is the beginning—the turning point—from **being self-centered to becoming God-centered**.

Daniel's entire life shows us this truth:

Self-centeredness is a downward spiral that leads to our fall.

But God-centeredness is like an upward current that lifts us up and enables us to soar.

Declaration: God can. I cannot.

Turn: Love God with all my heart, and love others.

Leave self-centeredness behind.
Fix our eyes on **God and people**.

**When we have a willing heart, God will accomplish His work through us. — 2
Corinthians 8:12; Ephesians 3:20**

2 Corinthians 8:12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 禱告的力量 **The Power of Prayer**

♪ Sowing the seeds of salvation in prayer,
Watering hearts with the tears that we share.
God's Spirit makes the weak heart strong,
My faith is built on Christ, my Rock.

Chorus:

The power of prayer. Time will surely prove,
The mighty change is found in Jesus Christ.
A fragrant offering. Reaches to Your throne,
For You are faithful, You hear every cry.

☞ Announcement

1. 〈 **Encountering God Retreat** 〉 will be held on Sunday, September 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the Morning Star Hall on the fifth floor. Through praise and declarations, biblical truth, and prayer for freedom and healing, this retreat will help brothers and sisters encounter the Lord. Everyone is welcome to join. To register, please scan the QR code on page 6 of the weekly bulletin.
2. **The Youth Fellowship: “Mid-Autumn Festival MINIONS!”** will be held on Saturday, September 12, at 1:30 p.m. in Cloud Hall on the first floor. Through group games, moon-lamp DIY activities, and more, students can celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival early and enjoy a fun time together. All students from high school and above are welcome to join.
3. **This week's unified Bible reading schedule** is Acts chapters 2 through 4. You are also welcome to scan the QR code on page 1 of the weekly bulletin to subscribe to *Our Father's Letter* e-newsletter. You can also listen to Pastor Hsu's radio program, “**An Awake Heart**,” featuring studies from the books of Amos and Obadiah.

☞ The Lord's Prayer

☞ Doxology

☞ Benediction

Today's worship concludes here for now. Brothers and sisters, please feel free to communicate with one another before dismissing. Emmanuel, may God bless you all.

❖ This Week's Gatherings

~ Welcome to invite new friends of all ages to join us

